

HOUSE BILL 2194

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,
Chapter 1, Part 4; Section 57-5-201 and Section
67-4-402, relative to litter.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-201(a)(2), is amended by
deleting the following language:

Notwithstanding any provision of this section or law to the contrary, any revenue
generated from the increase in tax rates from three dollars and forty cents
(\$3.40) to three dollars and ninety cents (\$3.90) shall be allocated to the highway
fund for the purpose of funding programs for the prevention and collection of litter
and trash and matters related thereto.

and substituting instead:

Notwithstanding this section or another law to the contrary, any revenue
generated from the increase in tax rates from three dollars and forty cents
(\$3.40) to three dollars and ninety cents (\$3.90) must be allocated to the highway
fund for the purpose of funding programs for the prevention and collection of litter
and trash and matters related to the programs, including special grants for
programs described in Section 3.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-402(b)(2), is amended by
deleting the following language:

Notwithstanding any provision of this section or law to the contrary, any revenue
generated from the increase in tax rates from one and one-half percent (1.5%) to
one and nine-tenths percent (1.9%) shall be allocated to the highway fund for the

purpose of funding programs for the prevention and collection of litter and trash and matters related to the programs.

and substituting instead:

Notwithstanding this section or another law to the contrary, any revenue generated from the increase in tax rates from one and one-half percent (1.5%) to one and nine-tenths percent (1.9%) must be allocated to the highway fund for the purpose of funding programs for the prevention and collection of litter and trash and matters related to the programs, including special grants for programs described in Section 3.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) In order to facilitate the prevention and collection of litter and trash in this state, the department of transportation may allocate a portion of the funds generated by Sections 1 and 2 to be used for roadway, waterway, and shoreline litter reduction initiatives pursuant to subsection (b).

(b) The department of transportation may provide special grants to programs established for the prevention and collection of litter and trash and related matters:

(A) Conducted by nonprofit groups;

(B) Conducted by local governments;

(C) For the purpose of providing technical and policy assistance and enforcement of litter laws by state and local law enforcement agencies and the courts; and

(D) For the purpose of providing educational, marketing, and service-oriented events and efforts.

(c) The department of transportation shall not base the amount of a special grant provided to a municipality under this section on the department's litter grant program formula for county governments.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.